

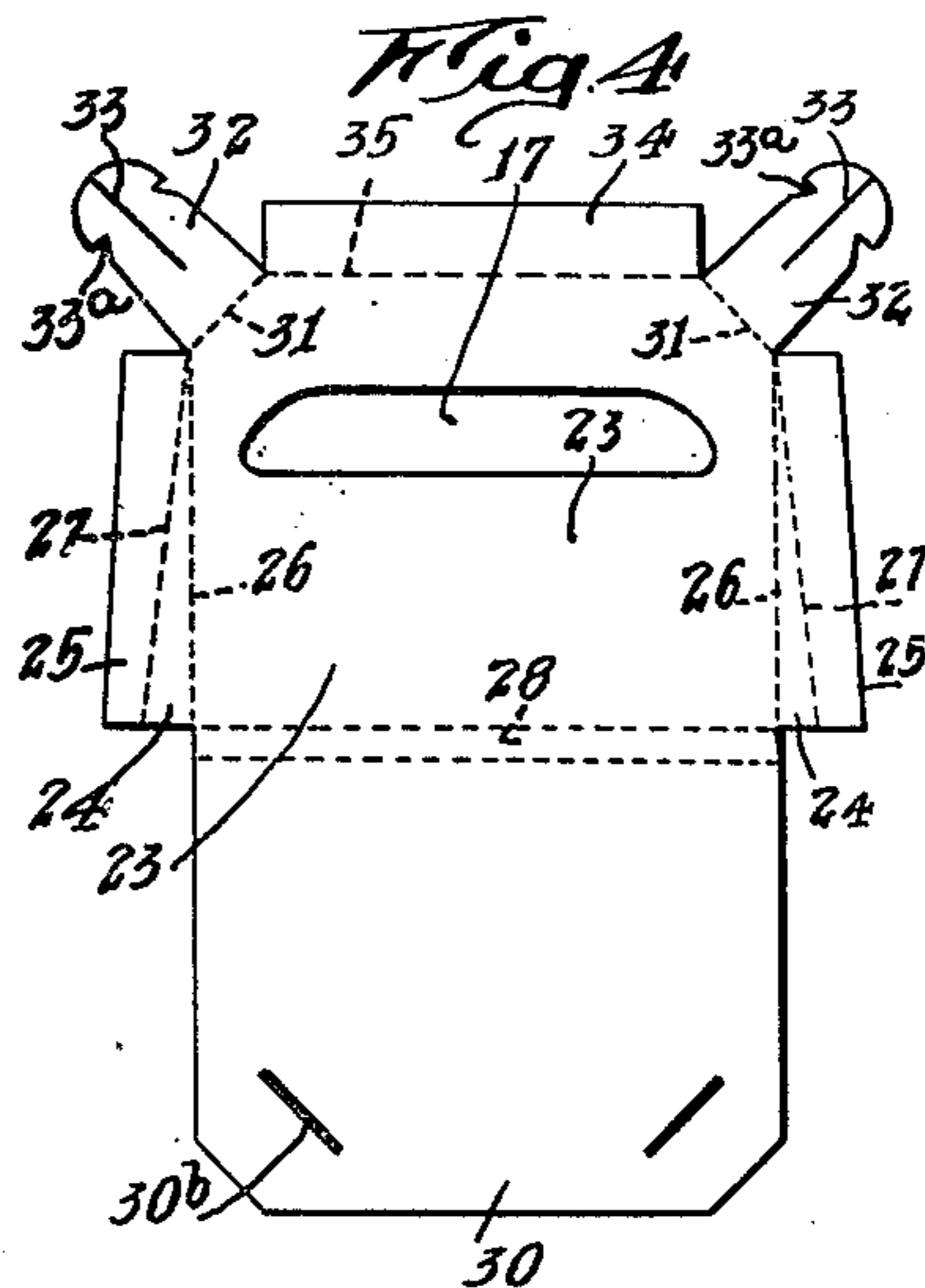
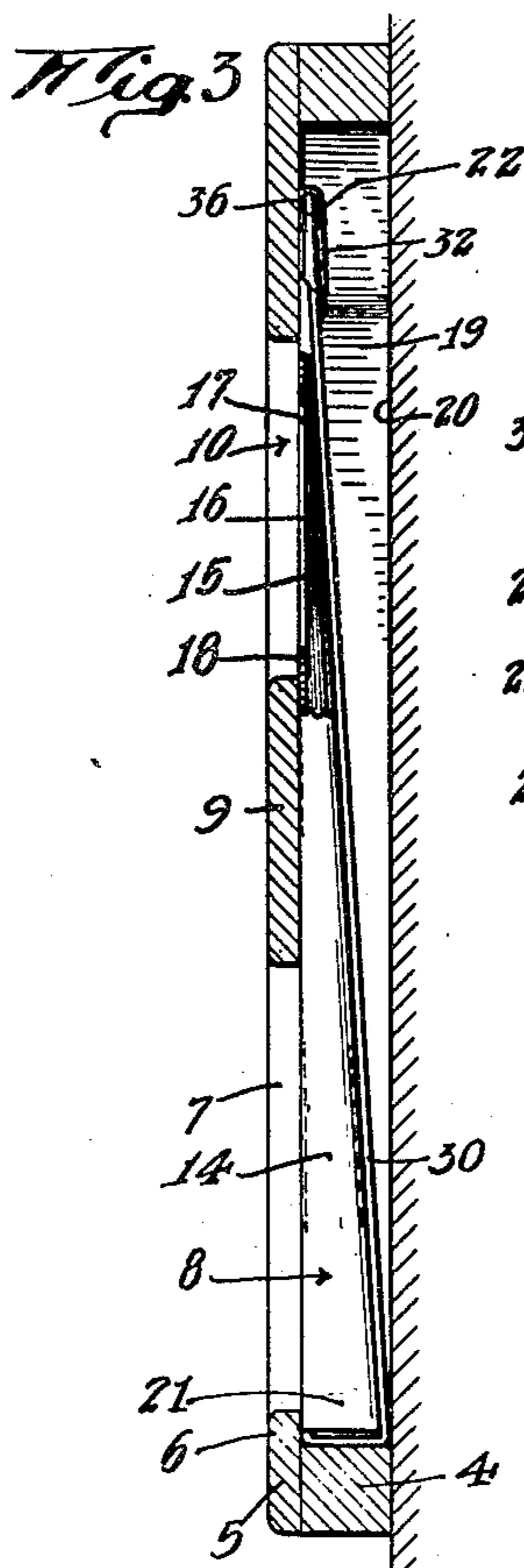
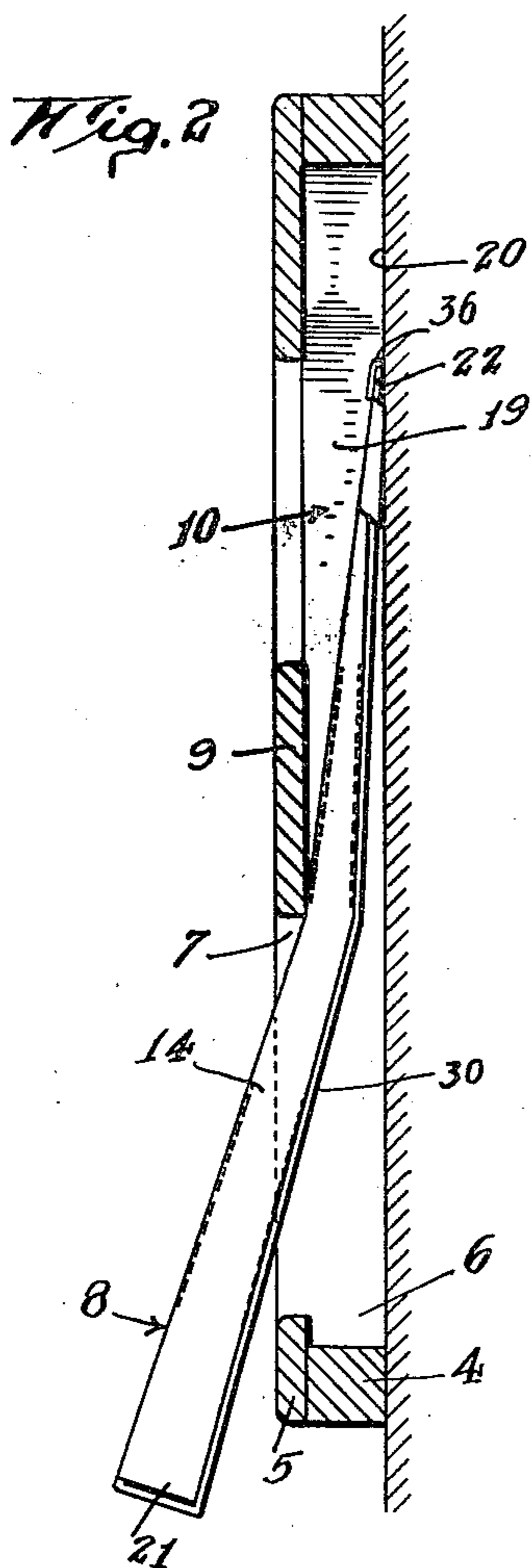
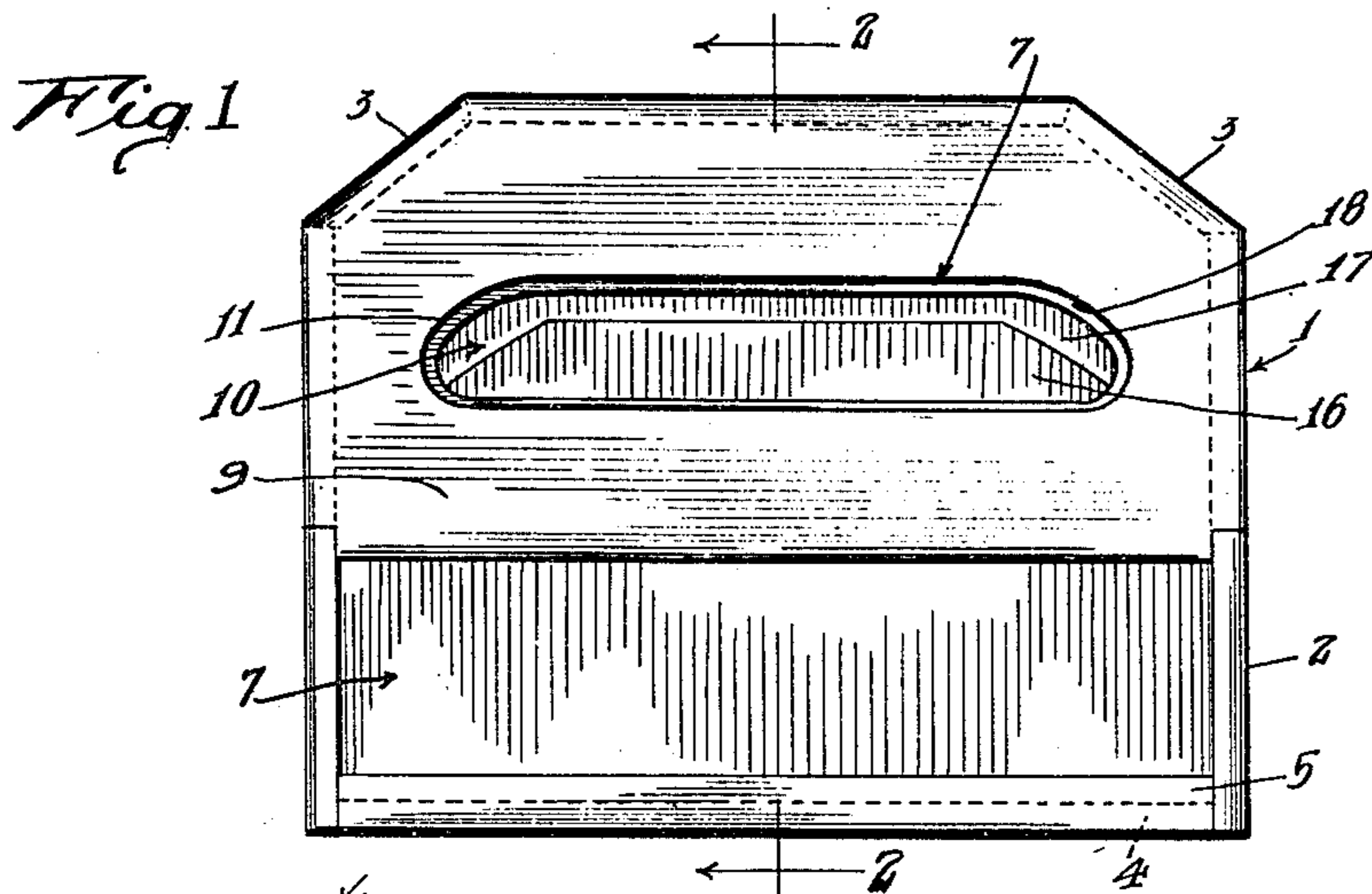
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This invention relates to a combined package and holder for the same, and a principal object of the invention is to provide a package and a holder for the package, that are so correlated to each other in construction, as to enable the package to be introduced into the holder and held there in such a way that it can only be removed with great difficulty, the general purpose being to discourage thefts of the articles that are to be withdrawn one by one from the holder.

While the invention is capable of application in different situations, in the present specification it is described as applied to a combined seat-cover package and holder.

A further object of the invention is to provide a package having an envelope so constructed as to facilitate its introduction into an opening into a holder; and to construct the holder with means located at the opening to make the withdrawal of the package extremely difficult.

A further object of the invention is to provide an envelope of improved construction, to be used as a container for seat-covers; also to provide a blank of simple form from which an envelope for seat-covers or the like, can be readily formed.

Further objects of the invention will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel parts and combination of parts to be described hereinafter, all of which contribute to produce an efficient combined package and holder.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is described in the following specification, while the broad scope of the invention is pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a holder with a seat-cover package held within the same, said holder and package being constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section upon an enlarged scale, taken about on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, but indicating the package partially introduced into the holder.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing the package completely introduced into the holder and held therein. This view shows the upper portion of the envelope of the package broken away.

Fig. 4 is a plan of a blank illustrating a form for the same that I prefer to use in constructing the envelope of the package.

Referring more particularly to the parts, I indicate a holder preferably constructed of wood or of similar material. This holder includes a

substantially rectangular frame 2 which, if desired, at its upper side may be formed with beveled or inclined corners 3 (see Fig. 1). This frame includes a bottom bar 4, and the outer side of the frame is provided with a bottom cross bar 5 which projects upwardly at its upper edge above the upper face of the bottom bar 4 so as to form a flange or shoulder 6 at this point, and extending completely across at the lower edge of the receiving opening 7 through which the package 8 is to be introduced. The forward side of the holder also includes a forward wall or face plate 9 in which a delivery opening 10 is formed. Through this opening the seat-covers may be withdrawn. The opening 10 may have curved edges 11 at its ends.

The package includes an envelope 14 in which the seat-covers are carried in a pack 15, and the foremost seat-cover 16 of this pack is exposed to view through an opening 17 in the forward wall 18 of the envelope.

The envelope 14 is preferably formed of cardboard or similar material, which should be flexible enough to enable the package to be introduced through the opening 7 and shoved upwardly into the pocket 19 that is formed adjacent to the surface of the wall 20 to which the holder may be attached. In order to facilitate this operation, the envelope is preferably constructed so that it has a wide butt end 21 at its lower end, and a thin edge 22 at its upper end, and the thickness of this envelope tapers from the butt end gradually to the thin end preferably as indicated in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 2 I illustrate the correlation of the package and the holder, which enables the package to be introduced through the opening 7 and shoved upwardly into the pocket 19. In doing this the package may bend at an intermediate transverse line as the forward wall of the envelope rides upwardly at the upper edge of the opening 7. This upward movement continues until the butt end 21 arrives at the flange 6, whereupon the lower end of the package is forced inwardly over the flange 6 and permitted to drop down onto the upper face of the bottom bar 4, so as to assume the position indicated in Fig. 3. At this time the upper portion of the side edges of the envelope will be located back of the front wall beyond the curved ends 11 so as to make it difficult, if not impossible, for a thief to pull the upper portion of the package through the opening 10.

The envelope 14 of the package may be constructed in any manner desired to give it the up-

wardly tapering form that enables it to cooperate with the holder to hold itself unremovably in the holder. However, I prefer to construct the envelope from a blank having substantially the characteristics illustrated in Fig. 4. This blank includes a main panel 23 which is to form the forward wall 18 of the package. This panel 23 is of substantially rectangular form and its side edges have integral wedge-shaped or tapered extensions 24 which have their narrow ends located adjacent to the opening 17 that is formed in the blank. Beyond the tapered side extensions substantially rectangular tucks or flaps 25 are formed integrally with them. The extensions 24 and the tucks or flaps 25 are intended to fold on score lines 26 and 27 respectively, so that the extensions 24 can be disposed substantially at right angles to the panel 23 to form the end walls of the envelope.

Adjacent the wide ends of the end extensions 24 a bottom extension 28 is formed integral with the adjacent edge of the panel 23, and this bottom extension is connected through a scored line to a flap 30, which flap is to form the back wall of the completed envelope. The upper end of the panel 23 is formed with inclined score lines 31 to enable the completed envelope to fit into the beveled corners 3 of the holder, and beyond each inclined edge 31 an integral projecting tongue 32 is formed, each tongue having a central slit 33 and side barbs 33a. This enables the tongue 32 to interlock with a corresponding slot 30b and envelop a pack 15 of seat covers in the manner indicated in Fig. 3.

The side flaps 25 and the tongue 32 operate as tucks folding against the inner face of the back wall or flap 30 in the completed envelope.

By leaving the folding elements of the envelope flexibly attached to each other, as they are through the medium of the tongues 32 and slots 30b, the flexibility of the completed envelope is increased, enabling it to pass more readily into its pocket in the holder. This also reduces the expense of making them.

It is obvious that the holder can be itself provided with a back wall attached to it, in which case the holder need not be attached to the face of a wall to form the pocket for the package.

One of the advantages of employing the tapered construction for the envelope involving the small thickness at the upper edge, is that the seat covers are usually placed in the envelope in a pack with a fold in them so that there is twice the number of plies of the material in the lower part of the envelope as compared with the number of plies or thicknesses in the upper end. The envelope has a tuck 34 folding in on a score line 35 that clamps against the upper edge of the pack, and held against the back wall by a seal 36. By having the envelope thin at its upper edge, and clamping the upper edges of the covers in this way, the covers will be suspended until substantially the last seat cover is pulled out of the envelope. If it were not for this feature, after a considerable number of seat covers have been removed from the pack, the remainder of the pack will sag down and fail to present the forward seat cover of the pack in the proper position to be pulled out through the delivery opening 17.

Many other embodiments of the invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. In a combined seat-cover package and hold-

er for the same, the combination of a holder to be secured against a substantially vertical surface, said holder having an outer wall removed from the plane of the surface so that a pocket is formed within the holder to receive the package, said outer wall having a receiving opening therethrough with an inwardly projecting flange at its edge, said package including a tapered envelope for the seat-covers, with an enlarged butt end, and tapering toward its opposite edge, said envelope capable of being forced into the said pocket through said receiving opening with the small end first, and so that the butt end of the envelope can be forced into the opening over the said flange and lodged thereafter back of the said flange.

2. In a combined seat-cover package and holder for the same, the combination of a holder to be secured against a substantially vertical surface, said holder having an outer wall removed from the plane of the surface so that a pocket is formed within the holder to receive the package, said outer wall having a receiving opening therethrough with an inwardly projecting flange at its edge, said package including a tapered envelope for the seat-covers, with an enlarged butt end, and tapering toward its opposite edge, said envelope capable of being forced into the said pocket through said receiving opening with the small end first, and so that the butt end of the envelope can be forced into the opening over the said flange and lodged thereafter back of the said flange, the depth of said envelope being substantially the same as the depth of said pocket so that after the envelope has been inserted in the pocket, the envelope will maintain its butt edge back of the flange.

3. In a combined seat-cover package and holder for the same, the combination of a holder to be secured against a substantially vertical surface, said holder having an outer wall removed from the plane of the surface so that a pocket is formed within the holder to receive the package, said outer wall having a receiving opening therethrough with an inwardly projecting flange at its edge, said package including a tapered envelope for the seat-covers, with an enlarged butt end, and tapering toward its opposite edge, said envelope capable of being forced into the said pocket through said receiving opening with the small end first, and so that the butt end of the envelope can be forced into the opening over the said flange and lodged thereafter back of the said flange, said envelope having a delivery opening, and said holder having a delivery opening registering with the first-named delivery opening when the package is in place within the holder, for withdrawal of the seat-covers, said forward wall at said delivery opening having side portions projecting in over the side edges of the envelope to prevent the portion of the envelope adjacent the delivery opening of the holder from being pulled through the same.

4. In a combined seat-cover package and holder for the same, the combination of a holder to be secured against a face of a wall, said holder having an outer wall removed from the wall so that a pocket is formed within the holder to receive the package, the said outer wall of the holder having a receiving opening therethrough located adjacent the lower portion of the holder with an inwardly projecting flange at its lower edge, said package including a tapered envelope to contain the covers, with an enlarged butt end below and tapering toward its upper edge, said

envelope capable of being forced into the said pocket through said receiving opening with the small end first, and so that the butt end of the envelope can be forced into the opening over the said flange and lodged thereafter back of the said flange.

5. The combination of a package envelope and a holder for the same, said holder having a pocket therein capable of barely holding the said envelope, said holder further having a receiving opening for the introduction of the envelope, with a flange projecting inwardly at the said opening, said envelope being of flexible material and capable of being forced through the said receiving opening over the said flange, and so as to come against the wall of the pocket opposite the said flange, said envelope substantially filling the pocket and capable of being lodged with its edge

back of the said flange to render its removal difficult.

6. In a combined seat-cover package and holder for the same, the combination of a holder having an outer wall, and having a pocket formed back of the forward wall within the holder to receive the package, said outer wall having a receiving opening therethrough with an inwardly projecting flange at its edge, said package including a tapered envelope for the seat-covers, with an enlarged butt end, and tapering toward its opposite edge, said envelope capable of being forced into the said pocket through said receiving opening with the small end first, and so that the butt end of the envelope can be forced into the opening over the said flange and lodged thereafter back of the said flange.

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